National Conference on Kharif Campaign

593. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two days National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif campaign 1989 has evolved a comprehensive strategy for achieving the target of foodgrains production for 1989-90; and

(b) if so, what is the target fixed and what efforts are being made to see that the target is achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target fixed for foodgrains production for 1989-90 is 175 million tonnes.

In order to achieve this target, special attention is being given to Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) which covers Rice, Wheat, Maize and Pulses (Arhar and Gram). The Special Rice Production Programme which is being implemented in the Eastern States has also been unified with the SFPP-Rice. In addition, the Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Programme and Central Schemes such as Minikit Programmes for Rice, Wheat, Millets and Maize are also under implementation.

The increase in production is to be achieved through improvement in productivity by having more efficient management of agricultural operations and timely and easy availability of inputs.

Rabi Crop Production Target

594. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rabi production for 1988-89 has been achieved;

(b) if so, the target fixed last year;

(c) the extent to which it has been achieved;

(d) whether the State Governments, have forwarded the figures of rabi crop production; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The targets for Rabi production for foodgrains and oilseeds for 1988-89 were fixed at 74.07 and 7.10 million tonnes respectively. According to present assessment, the likely production of Rabi crops would be around the targetted levels.

(d) and (e) The final estimates of production of rabi crops for 1988-89 have not yet become due from the States.

Performance of Agro-based industries

595. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of agro-based industries in the country has suffered during the last two years;

(b) whether the total industrial production has declined significanty;

(c) if so, what are the States where the production of agro-based industries has declined and what are the States where the performance of agro-based industry has improved; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No survey on the performance of agro-based industries has been conducted by the Government during the last two years.